1	2	3	4	5	6
16.	Uttaranchal	159.9212	192.78	202.005	270.8400
17.	Uttar Pradesh	162.8782	183.265	134.89	157.5100
18.	West Bengal	228.29358	190.5283	308.67414	111.5693
	ALL INDIA	3345.5076	3289.8609	6270.94035	6786.4578

Environment friendly technologies

1126. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether he reportedly said that developing countries like India badly need access to environment-friendly technologies specially in energy, transportation, manufacturing and agriculture;

(b) whether he also sought a national debate on energy pricing policies to examine whether over use of resources through misdirected subsidies was leading to environmental degradation; and

(c) if so, whether Government has so far finalized the "National Plan of Action on Climate Change" including energy policies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (d) The need for environment friendly technologies and a comprehensive energy policy have been emphasized including implications for environment protection.

The Prime Minister released the National Action Plan on Climate Change in end June 2008. The Action Plan includes five missions on adaptation, two on mitigation and one on strategic knowledge. Concerned Ministries are firming up the details for these Missions.

The Report of the Expert Committee on Integrated Energy Policy was submitted in August 2006 and forms the basis of formulation of the proposed integrated energy policy. The policy document proposes an approach for optional supply and utilization of energy and the creation of a competitive energy market in India. A meeting of full Planning Commission was chaired by Prime Minister in September 2008 to discuss the draft on Integrated Energy Policy for the country.

Forest cover in country

1127. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the forest cover in the country is receding every year; and

(b) if so, the steps that are being taken to increase the forest cover in the country to restore the eco-system?